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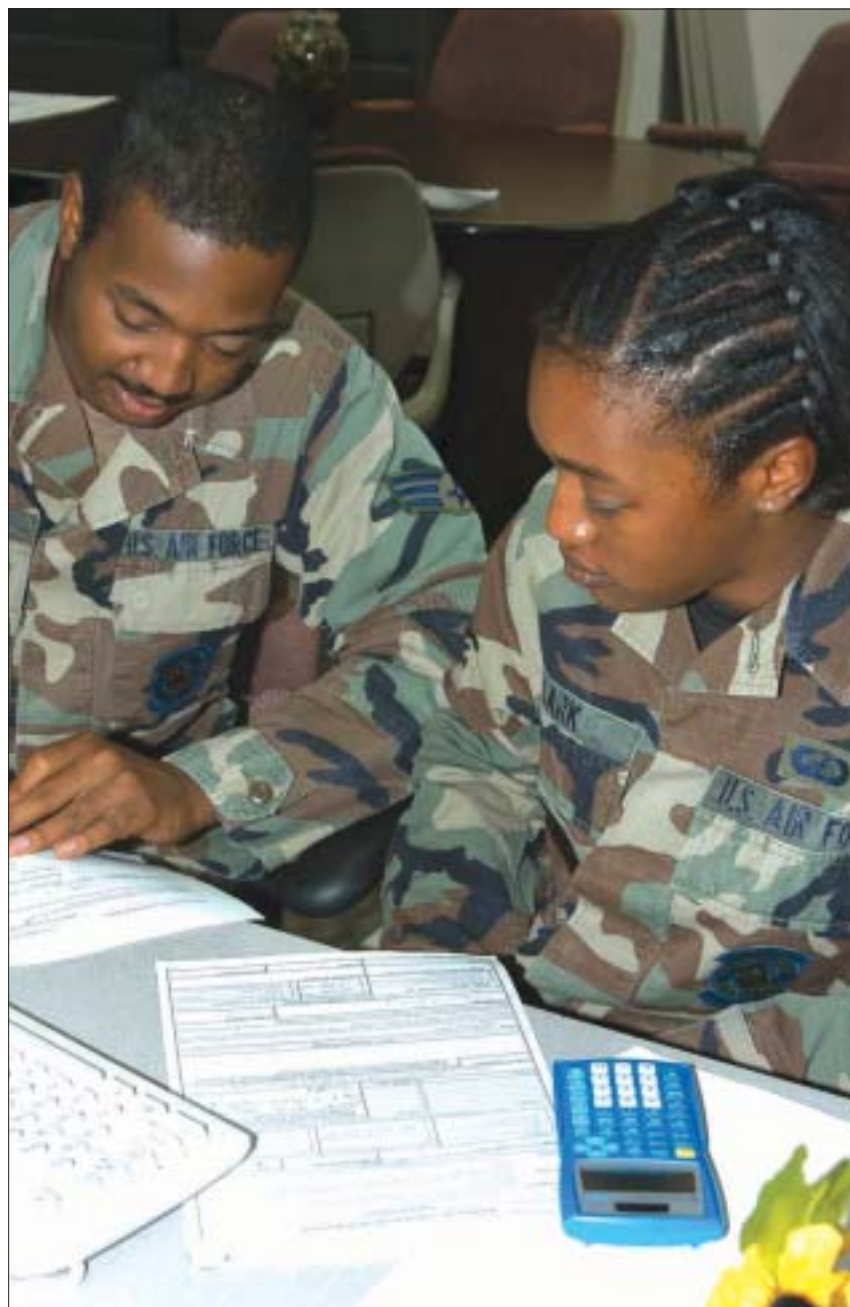


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Senior Airman Yavine J. Brewer and Airman 1st Class Shaniece Clark, 49th Comptroller Squadron customer service technicians, work on advance payment procedures for a Team Holloman member. The upcoming changes to finance will lead to far less personal interaction between finance personnel and their customers, and the Air Force finance career field will have fewer Airmen.

by 2nd Lt. Shantece Wade
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The 49th Fighter Wing Comptroller Squadron will be warping into a new virtual finance for future operations.

Similar to the United Services Automobile Association, the Financial Management Transformation, estimated to be in full swing by 2008, is designed to consolidate a majority of financial services via internet.

"By fiscal year 2008, our customer service and customer support staff will be reduced from about 30 bodies to about five to eight bodies," said Maj. John Gondol, 49th Comptroller Squadron commander. "80 percent of all financial business will be completed online, 15 percent handled via call centers and five percent handled by local technicians."

The FMT is implementing six transformational initiatives such as financial services, financial analysis, operations and management cost center of expertise, combat comptroller, education, training and development section and headquarters budget processes.

"Our six lanes of transformation ... provide a means for the Air Force to respond to this challenge by improving the way we deliver financial services to customers and decision support to commanders by maximizing our ability to 'finance the fight,'" said Mr. John G. Vonglis, acting Assistant Secretary of the Air Force Financial Management and Comptroller Headquarters.

While a lot of this is behind the scenes, the transformation should minimize the in-person transaction.

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ACC chief Popp talks AEF tempo during wing visit

Question: What are your comments concerning plans to increase or decrease ACC quality of life programs?

Chief Popp: My thoughts on quality of life are the same as General Keys, ACC commander, and that includes transformation, recapitalization, organization proficiency, our people, and our expeditionary mindset. That's where quality of life comes into play. We want to maintain what we have, but not go out and build country clubs. So what you can look forward to is continued progress on dorm projects, making sure they meet today's standards. We have to effectively manage our quality of life so we can also fight the Global

War on Terrorism.

Question: We are looking at possible extended AEF cycles. Is the current status of the AEF cycle stabilized within Air Combat Command?

Chief Popp: Right now, we are stabilized. What does that mean for us today? Airmen have to understand we are all expeditionary. We joined the Air Force to fight and win America's wars. We can all expect to deploy 120 days every 20 months. For some, the Air Force has an increased requirement because their skill is needed right now to win the Global War on Terrorism. Some people are being asked to go longer. A few people are being

asked to go for one-year tours. What do I see in the future? The majority of us will go for 120 days. We will not increase it unless we have to as it gets pretty stressful on our Airmen. I ask supervisors to ensure sure each and every Airman understands that we are expeditionary. We train, prepare, deploy, fight, win, redeploy, reconstitute, have reunions and start the cycle again. I have been in 26 years and it's changed drastically during that time. We used to beg to go on temporary duty. Now we know when we go TDY and we are all expeditionary.

Question: What you have seen from ACC and Holloman Airmen on the front lines?

Chief Popp: I had the opportunity to travel to the Middle East and visit our folks at Kirkuk, Balad, Bagram and Al-Udied. I am very proud of our Airmen deployed from ACC. I will tell you that something has changed in our Air Force. People would say Air Force means airplanes. That's not the case today. Today, we have more expeditionary combat support people forward than aviators. All of our skills, including operator, maintainers, support folks and medics are needed forward. It's important we are all trained and ready to go because the enemy is waiting to wear us down - but we'll win because of our dedicated ACC troops.



Photos by Airman 1st Class Stephen Collier



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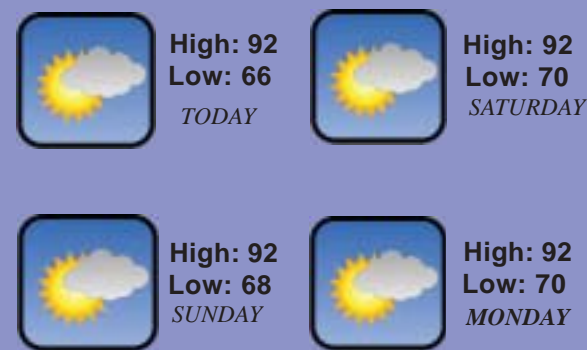
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For the record

In the Aug. 19 issue of the *Sunburst*, the 49th Fighter Wing command chief's last name was misspelled in the article entitled "ACC command chief gets first-hand look at HAFB." The correct spelling is Chief Master Sgt. Dale Barton.



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49th Operations Support Squadron Weather Flight



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For example, “If you leave base housing, a form is taken to finance [specialists] so they can start your basic allowance for housing,” said Mr. Roger Bick, Financial Management Strategic Planning and Transformation Program of the Air Force director. “That’s a transaction. We want to systemically evolve those processes. Instead, housing [officials] could put a code into a computer when you leave, and then a form wouldn’t be hand carried anywhere. That reduces the cost to our Air Force.”

According to Mr. Vonglis, Air Force financial operations will be modernized through the use of improved technology to achieve benefits supporting the Air Force’s finance vision: quality customer service, improved access, effective use of financial management resources, decision support and better insight.

Air Combat Command’s first goal is to create the Shared Service Organization, which will migrate pay and travel trans-

action processing to a centralized back office that will provide inquiry support through self-service systems with 24/7 call centers.

“On the agenda is the development of finance call centers where Airmen can ask questions and get most of their financial issues resolved,” Mr. Bick said. “Those call centers would be open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.”

As the second goal, ACC plans to move the Accounting Liaison Office personnel to Financial Management Analyst to create a more decentralized model with ALO slots redeployed as full-time unit financial advisors. Air Combat Command’s third and final goal is to create an Operations and Maintenance Decision Support Center of Expertise to provide on-demand, consultative support for specialized O&M decision support.

In the near future, the 49th Comptroller Squadron will realign the ALO and the Budget Office. Holloman’s Account-

ing Liaison Office, which certifies government expenditures, and the Budget Office, which makes sure funds are available for base organizations, will indeed handle “customers issues from start to finish,” said Mr. Albert Sears, 49th Comptroller Squadron senior budget analyst. This should provide better organization and less hands-on work by providing a one-stop shop for most of our budgeting and accounting services, he said.

“Our goals are to standardize the financial management process here at Holloman, make financial management-related activities process driven versus people driven and prepare base personnel to play a more active role in their personal financial business,” Major Gondol said.

For more information, Team Holloman members can log onto the Air Force Portal at www.my.af.mil and go to the Secretary of the Air Force Financial Management Transformation page.



Photo by 2nd Lt. Shantece Wade

Senior Airman Yavine J. Brewer (right), 49th Comptroller Squadron, assists Senior Airman Robert Kufner, 49th Communications Squadron, with a finance issue at the base finance office. Future finance issues will be handled with less face-to-face interaction.

AFPC reports database identity theft strike

MPF says wing records remain unchanged

The Air Force is notifying more than 33,000 Airmen that a security breach has occurred in the online Assignment Management System. Approximately 75 individuals stationed at Holloman, mostly officers, were victims.

The notification comes after Air Force Personnel Center officials Alerted Air Force and federal investigators to unusually high activity on a single user's AMS account in June.

AMS, an online program used for assignment preferences and career management, contains career information on officers and enlisted Airmen, as well as some personal information such as birth dates and social security numbers, said Col. Lee Hall, director of assignments at AFPC. AMS does not contain personal addresses, phone numbers or specific information about family members.

A malicious user accessed approximately half of the officer cores' individual information, while only a handful of non-commissioned officers were affected, said Lt. Col. John Clarke, AFPC's deputy director of personnel data systems. The in-

dividual used a legitimate user's login information to access and/or download Airmen's personal information.

"We notified Airmen as quickly as we could while still following criminal investigation procedures with the Office of Special Investigations," said Maj. Gen. Anthony F. Przybyslawski, AFPC commander.

"Protecting Airmen's personal information is something we take very seriously, and we are doing everything we can to catch and prosecute those responsible under the law."

According to 49th MPF officials, no Fighter Wing personnel records accessed were changed.

"None of the records were updated or manipulated in any way," said Capt. Kimberly Daniels, 49th Military Personnel Flight commander.

"We notified the individuals involved,

outlining what happened and how they can best insulate themselves from this potential risk," said General Przybyslawski.

"We've taken steps to increase our system security. We're working with all Air Force agencies to identify vulnerabilities. We must keep our data protected."

In the meantime, AFPC officials said officers may login to the virtual military personnel flight at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/vs/ to see if their information was viewed. If it was, they will receive a pop-up banner after login which will provide additional information. The small number of enlisted Airmen who have had their information viewed will be contacted directly.

Airmen may also go online to www.afpc.randolph.af.mil and click on "AMS Information" to determine if their per-

sonal information was viewed. Officials also said Airmen may decide to follow Federal Trade Commission guidelines for dealing with identity theft at www.consumer.gov/idtheft/index.html.

Under the Fair Credit Reporting Act, beginning Set. 1, everyone is entitled to one free credit check annually.

To request this free report, visit www.annualcreditreport.com.

According to Mr. Matthew Sarkissian, Office of Special Investigations special agent, Team Holloman members may decrease their chances of identity theft by:

* Avoiding all unknown solicitations for personal information

* Never posting personal information such as social security numbers and bank card numbers on-line.

* Completely shredding all bank statements, junk mail and credit statements to the point where no personal information can be read.

Holloman Airmen who suspect they may be a victim of identity theft should contact wing OSI personnel at 572-7143. **(49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs and AFPN).**

**“None of [Holloman’s]
records were updated or
manipulated in any way.”**

Capt. Kimberly Daniels
*49th Military Personnel Flight
commander*

Mishap prevention lags

A message from the ACC commander

Commanders,

Your leadership and safety programs are saving lives; however, overall our Air Force will not meet the DoD mandate of reducing mishaps by 50 percent this year.

More than just missing a goal, it means we are losing valuable people, equipment and mission capability, many times due to inattention, poor risk management and poor personal choices.

In Air Combat Command we have made incremental improvements each year since fiscal year 2002, but we are still enduring losses that are clearly preventable. We need to place preventable mishaps — those involving

misconduct like DUI, failure to use seat belts and lack of discipline in the air or on the ground — clearly in our sights and take action.

Continued focus on leadership and wingman responsibilities are the right approach in everything that ACC does. In almost every case when we brief a mishap or an incident, someone knew it was violating a checklist, knew the situation was confused or knew it was a risky event, but for some reason didn't step forward and call a "knock-it-off" and restart with a better plan. I encourage us all to be the leader or wingman that does that.

Ninety percent of the time, we

have the time to get the job done without risking life and limb, and 100 percent of the time we have the time to do it without foolishly risking life and limb. In our off-duty time, it is even more devastating to have people maimed and killed due to misplaced attention or enthusiasm.

We are a force that must do dangerous things as our calling, but we need to do them with full knowledge of the risks involved, be properly prepared for them, and execute our tasks flawlessly. I'm counting on you to do that. Make sure we get this message heard.

—**Gen. Ronald E. Keys**
ACC commander



The 49th Security Forces Squadron handled the following incidents from Aug. 16 to Monday:

Tickets issued:

Nine tickets were issued: Three for not wearing seat belts, two for speeding, one for causing an accident, one for no insurance, one for improper lane usage and one for failure to properly display a license plate.

Property loss, damage or theft:

- Aug. 16: An Airman reported she had lost her government purchase card at building 222.

- Aug. 16: A government civilian reported a wall had been damaged at the base fitness center. No criminal intent was

suspected.

- Aug. 16: An AAFES employee reported she had detained an Airman for shoplifting at the Base Exchange.

- Aug. 22: An Airman reported his A bag and C bag were missing at Kunsan Air Base in South Korea.

- Aug. 22: An Airman reported his common access card was lost at the Mesilla Valley Mall.

Patrol response:

- Aug. 16: A government civilian reported a minor vehicle accident involving a personally-owned vehicle and a government vehicle in the parking lot of building 1022.

- Aug. 18: An Airman reported a minor vehicle accident involving two POVs on Quay Loop.

- Aug. 19: An NCO reported an Airman had communicated a

threat to another Airman.

- Aug. 19: A dependent reported a minor vehicle accident involving two POVs in front of the base clinic.

- Aug. 19: The Alamogordo Department of Public Safety reported a dependent had fallen and broken her arm on Luna Loop. The dependent was transported to Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center for further treatment.

- Aug. 20: A dependent reported a domestic disturbance on two separate occasions on San Miguel Loop. Further investigation revealed a mutual assault had taken place between the dependent and her husband, an Airman, on the second occasion.

- Aug. 21: The Otero County Sheriff's Office reported a 911 hang-up originating from Edwards Court. Further investigation revealed a domestic disturbance between an Airman and his wife, during which the Airman had been assaulted. The Airman was transported to Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center for further treatment.

- Aug. 22: An Airman reported two people taking photographs of aircraft parked on the west ramp. The film was seized.

GeoBase technology connects Holloman

by Tech. Sgt. Ray Bowden
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

A nondescript brown building sits at the corner of Tabosa and Arkansas avenues, on the edge of the 49th Civil Engineer Squadron compound. While this facility may appear to be any civil engineering warehouse or office building, it is home to one of the more far reaching systems utilized by Team Holloman.

This system is called GeoBase.

Geobase technology is used to analyze features of an area to give map readers the most current information concerning that location.

“GeoBase is intelligent mapping,” said Mr. Anthony Pistilli, Geo-Integration Office manager.

“GeoBase allows the user to click on any given point or line on the map and receive information about that feature, whether it’s a road, a building or a fire hydrant,” said Mr.

David Bayer, Geographic Information System analyst.

Holloman’s Geo-Integration Office has compiled more than 150 map layers of information pertaining to the base.

The GeoBase staff has mapped most of Holloman’s visible layers to include the 73 miles of paved roads, approximately 1,600 buildings and color aerial photography. They also mapped the not-so visible layers, such as the 126 miles of water lines and the underground gas and utility lines, Mr. Bayer said.

The Geo-Integration Office staff uses global positioning systems technology to collect new information into the GeoBase database.

“I will go out into the field and use the GPS to capture new data that has been added to an area, whether by construction, or other means,” said Mr. Mike Carvlin, GIS technician.

The Geo-Integration office shares this data with applicable agencies and respondents.

Not only can the GeoBase system map the physical features of an area or facility, it can also house information associated with the area or facility.

“We’re able to input what type of building it is, when it was manufactured, and a variety of other information,” said Mr. Pistilli. “For example, I can have the GeoBase system show the amount of on-base housing occupied by junior enlisted personnel,” he said.

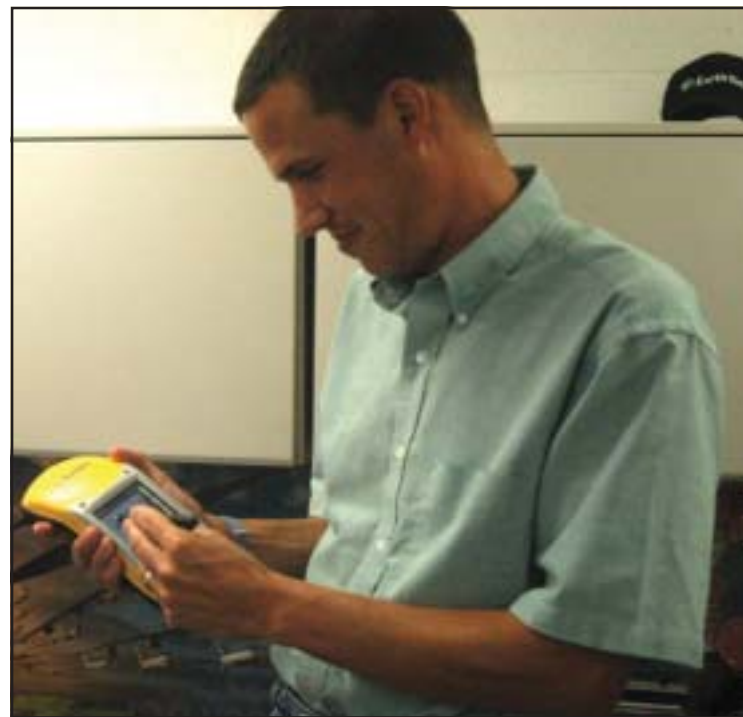
This system also benefits airfield management and Holloman pilots as it can be used to map airfield obstructions.

One Team Holloman agency putting this technology to use is the 49th Security Forces Squadron.

“GeoBase benefits us in disaster preparedness, disaster control and security forces responses by increasing situational awareness,” said 1st Lt. Randall Heusser, 49th SFS assistant operations officer. “This system allows security forces to place information spatially so they can visually see the scene they’re responding to, which increases response and reaction time,” he said.

GeoBase is capable of connecting emergency personnel and first respondents, such as the explosive ordnance division and the fire department.

GeoBase allows security forces



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Ray Bowden

Mr. Mike Carvlin, Geographic Information systems technician, used a global positioning system to update new information into the GeoBase data system.



Mr. Anthony Pistilli, 49th CES Geo-Integration Office manager, views a map using the GeoBase system.

desk sergeants and on-scene commanders to fully visualize the situation with the most current information, Lieutenant Heusser said. This ability gives respondents a better grasp of the situation, he said.

While Holloman security forces are able to track base-registered weapons through the armory, they have now linked their on-base weapons database to the GeoBase base housing mapping system.

The connection of these databases allows security forces to be

instantly supplied with the type, caliber and exact address of the particular housing unit containing the weapon, said Lieutenant Heusser.

Team Holloman members may access the GeoBase mapping site at hmngeo.com. To notify GeoBase staff of discrepancies found on a map, click the link at the bottom of the website or contact GeoBase staff at 572-3572.

“The foundation of this system is good data,” Mr. Pistilli said. “You cannot make good decisions without good data.”

HOLLOMAN HERO

Holloman Hero

Airman 1st Class Erin M. Anderson
49th Civil Engineer Squadron

Duty title: Utilities systems journeyman

Time in service: One year, 10 months

Time at Holloman: One year, two months

Hometown: Holbrook, N.Y.

Personal and career goals: Make the most of every day and become a commissioned officer in the Air Force.

Why is the Air Force important to you? There is no job out there like it. When I'm homesick or when things become tedious, I hear Retreat or Taps and it allows me to realize the reason why I'm here. The uniform we wear every day has been worn by others who have made great sacrifices to maintain America's freedom. Serving in the United States military gives me a reason to want to do my best because there is no other job out there like it.

What is the highlight of your Holloman tour? Meeting interesting people, convoy training

with the Army and learning a different career field at Silver Flag.

What motivates you to be a better Airman? What motivates me is to make both my family back home and my military family proud. They support me and I don't want to disappoint them. Also, I can't tell my younger sisters and brothers to do their best if I don't set that example for them.

Core value portrayed: Airman Anderson epitomizes the core value of Excellence in All We Do. It doesn't matter what task she is given, she takes pride in every job she does, big or small. She excels daily and sets the example for other Airmen in the squadron to follow. She's a true professional and a valuable asset to the Air Force.

—Maj. Andra Clapsaddle
49th CES commander



Photo by Ms. Danielle Toste

The Holloman Hero submission is available online and can be downloaded at:
https://wwwmil.holloman.af.mil/wing/49FW_PA/internal.html

Taking names and doling out the pills



Gigi Ebel, a volunteer at the 49th Medical Group pharmacy, scans in a prescription number into the computer system before distributing it to a customer Tuesday at Holloman AFB.



Staff Sgt. Jessica Petersen, 49th MDSS, hand counts prescription medication Tuesday at the Holloman Air Force Base Pharmacy.

Photos by Senior Airman Eric Somppi



Kim Edgington, a volunteer for the 49th MDG Pharmacy takes in the orders for patient-specific prescriptions.

Weapons safety aims for 'zero' standard

by **Spc. (Ret.) James Matise**
Sunburst staff writer

Heavy munitions and other explosives used by the Air Force can be very dangerous and require careful handling to keep accidents from happening.

The weapons safety personnel are charged with perserving the Air Force's mission by maintaining the magic number of zero explosives mishaps.

The 49th Fighter Wing weapons safety office is responsible for supervising all locations on Holloman and some surrounding regions, including some parts of White Sands Missile Range, where weapons may be stored, including more than 115 sited and licensed locations maintained at lower unit levels, said Master Sergeant Shawn Quarles, weapons safety superintendent.

"In the best-case scenario, we want all of the munitions at the bomb dump," Sergeant Quarles said. "Licensed locations are temporary. They give the units the ability to meet daily missions requirements without constantly going to the Amunition Storage Area."

All squadron-level units and above that handle munitions are required to have a weapons safety program. Air Force Manual 91-201 provides the safety guidance for each unit to create its own program. The weapons safety office evaluates these programs and conducts annual assessments of the programs, Sergeant Quarles said.

"We go out almost daily, every month, throughout the year, and do spot inspections," he said. "We make sure they have all the things

they need, safety-wise, to keep them from getting hurt."

Explosives locations can include anything from the munitions storage area, where tons of munitions are kept in highly protected bunkers, to the 49th Maintenance Squadron Survival Flight, which uses FLU-9 inflators and other small explosives in survival parachutes.

"Some of the most dangerous explosives are the little things because people don't recognize them as dangers," Sergeant Quarles said. "If you don't maintain a presence, people might get lax because they're dealing with miniscule fire-cracker-type munitions."

Explosives site planning takes into account the type of munitions and the number of munitions that can be safely stored at a certain site, including how far other structures have to be away from each site and what other precautions need to be taken, such as ventilation, construction of earthen berms around each site or full enclosure of the site, and protection from lightning strikes, he said.

The office is also responsible for briefing all incoming commanders on their units' programs.

"We let them know what we do and let them know how the squadron is doing to ensure the weapons program is running smoothly," Sergeant Quarles said.

Units also frequently ask for informal assess-



Photos by Spc. (Ret.) James Matise

Master Sgt. Shawn Quarles, 49th Fighter Wing weapons safety superintendent, inspects stacks of munitions inside a protected building at the Ammunition Storage Area.

ments occurring outside of the required annual assessments, to ensure they are complying with safety regulations, Sergeant Quarles said.

"If somebody wants a staff assistance visit, we will do a 100 percent inspection and give an informal report," he said.

Air Force Manual 91-202, the U.S. Air Force Mishap Prevention Program, instructs all personnel who operate, handle, transport, maintain, load or dispose of explosives to receive annual weapons safety training. This training is also managed by the weapons safety office, Sergeant Quarles said.

Maintaining complete weapons safety on the installation presents challenges unique to the area. At times, the weapons safety

technicians find themselves accountable for areas they are not allowed to inspect personally, Sergeant Quarles said.

"There's so much testing and evaluation going on we aren't security-cleared to know about," he said.

In these instances, the office works with internal safety managers assigned to the 46th Test Group and other units conducting classified operations on the installation, he said.

"It's a diverse base," he said.

The weapons safety office, through communication with unit weapons safety managers, keeps the focus on safety and the installation free of weapons mishaps with minimum personnel.

"Three is the optimum number of personnel in this office,"

Sergeant Quarles said. "That way, one person can stay here and two can be out among the units."

The nature of weapons safety in itself is probably one of the reasons there are so few incidents in the Air Force. Most people handling explosives are so scared of them they tend to be super-cautious, he said.

"Weapons safety probably has the best safety record in the Air Force," he said.



Master Sgt. Shawn Quarles discovers a loose lightning rod atop a fortified storage bunker used for high-explosive munitions such as general-purpose bombs and cluster bombs. Many explosives sites have to be protected from various threats, including random lightning strikes.



Tech. Sgt. Mario Taylor (right), 49th MXS Survival Flight, displays small explosives used in pilot parachutes to Mr. Tim Batton, weapons safety manager.

Security Forces remembers dedicated K-9

by Ms. Danielle Toste
Sunburst staff writer

A dog is a man's best friend, especially when it protects you and the United States. The military working K-9s touch the lives of all those that come into contact with them, but one seemed to grab the hearts of many.

Military Working Dog Anita was born in June of 1997 and joined the Department of Defense Military Dog Program in 1998. She completed detection and patrol training and officially became a certified Explosive/Patrol Military Working Dog in 1999. MWD Anita was then assigned to the United States Air Force and the 49th Security Forces Squadron.

Last week, Anita developed complications from a stomach illness and died.

Anita's life was celebrated Aug. 19 outside of the kennels, with many loving co-workers and friends who showed their support by reading poems, messages and reminiscing on her lengthy history.

"When it was time to work, Anita was truly a professional," said Staff Sgt. Brandon Webb, MWD Anita's handler for three and a half years. "The slightest change in my voice or body posture would send her into action."

Sergeant Webb and MWD Anita spent numerous hours together working at the West Gate searching trucks and doing building checks throughout the base.

"There is no doubt in my mind that if she had to," Sergeant Webb said, "she would give her life to save mine."

On top of protecting Holloman, MWD Anita supported the United States Secret Service and Department of State to protect current President George W. Bush, former President Bill Clinton along with several foreign dignitaries, key military leaders and distinguished visitors.

Some of MWD Anita's major accomplishments included three deployments supporting Operation Southern Watch, Operation

Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. She also helped protect those at Camp Snoop in Qatar from 2000-2003.

"She was my first partner," said Senior Airman Stephanie Finch, MWD Anita's current handler. "It is so hard to see her kennel empty. Myself and all of those that worked with her on a day to day basis will always remember her as the 'Great Spinner' because every time you walked past her kennel she would be going 90mph around in circles".

MWD Anita will always be remembered for her personality and dedication to keeping everybody safe.

"Above all," Sergeant Webb said, "I remember how she was constantly by my side, always faithful to do her duty."



Photo by Ms. Danielle Toste

Staff Sgt. Brandon Webb, 49th SFS, speaks during the memorial service for MWD Anita. Sergeant Webb was Anita's handler for three and a half years.



Photo art by Ms. Danielle Toste/Spc. (Ret.) James Matise

Senior Airman Josh Rose (left) and Staff Sgt. Tim Campagna, 49th Security Forces Squadron, carry a coffin bearing Military Working Dog Anita during a memorial service held Aug. 19 outside the Holloman kennels. Anita, a certified explosives and patrol military working dog, had served the Department of Defense from 1998 until her death last week from a stomach illness.

Risks don't deter military from lighting up

Approximately 34 percent of servicemembers smoke, AF doctors say

WASHINGTON – The death of broadcaster Peter Jennings from lung cancer has again brought the dangers of smoking to the forefront of public consciousness.

While an estimated 25 percent of Americans smoke, the military's numbers hover at 34 percent, said Col. Gerald Wayne Talcott with the Air Force Medical Support Agency in Falls Church, Va.

Servicemembers who smoke often claim it is a stress reliever. Colonel Talcott said that might be true, but only for people who already are addicted.

Before addiction occurs, smoking increases stress on the body, he said.

Smokers may see their habit as a personal risk, but may not realize it affects force readiness, Colonel Talcott said. Even among smokers who have no ongoing diseases related to smoking, it impairs night vision, weakens the immune system and can lengthen healing time.

Smokers also may have more frequent upper-respiratory ailments than those who do not smoke, he said.

Smoking is a deceptive risk for

younger people, since they do not necessarily feel the immediate ramifications, but there are benefits to be reaped if a smoker quits, Colonel Talcott said.

The Department of Defense is working with primary care physicians to help them spot tobacco use in servicemembers early and provide messages about quitting.

The Tricare Web site at www.tricare.osd.mil also offers information on why kicking the habit is a good idea and how to quit (AFPN).

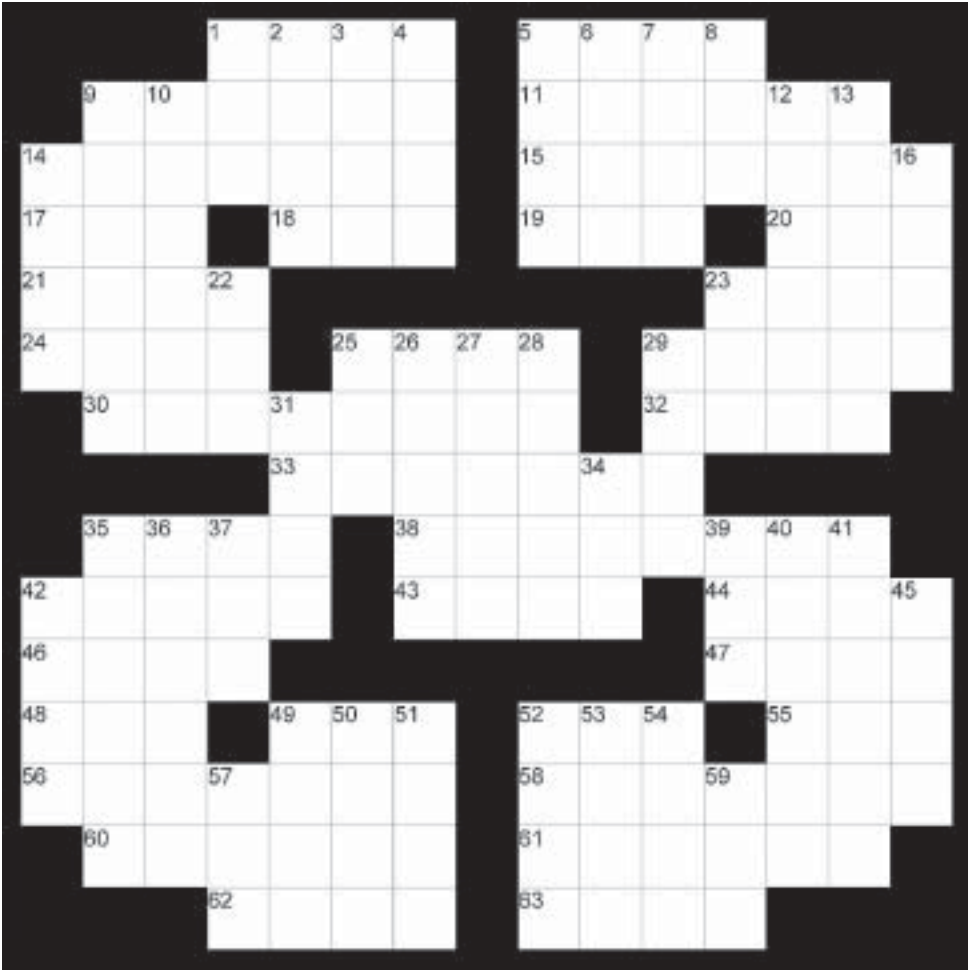
TIP BOX:

The Holloman tobacco cessation program runs at 11 a.m. Tuesdays and 11 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Thursdays. Nicotine replacement products are available. Registration is required, please call 572-5785.

1960s AF pioneers

Across

- 1. Singer
- Braxton
- 5. A
- clutch
- 9.
- Crushed
- 11. In
- effect
- 14. _____
- Adams;
- first Lady
- of the
- United
- States
- (1797-
- 1801)
- 15.
- Distant
- relatives
- 17. Deer
- relative
- 18.
- Compass
- dir.
- 19.
- Terminate
- 20. Path,
- in short
- 21.
- Drudgery
- 23. Taj
- Mahal site
- 24. Ice cream holder
- 25. German Mrs.
- 29. E.T.
- 30. Capt. Harold F. ____; first
- to aerial recapture space
- capsule
- 32. Egyptian river
- 33. Environment
- 35. Axe
- 38. Lobe decorations
- 42. Scrooge
- 43. Exam for law students, in
- short
- 44. Thai currency
- 46. Mil. quick
- 47. Servant
- 48. Greek letter
- 49. Fed. flight org.
- 52. Exist
- 55. Epoch
- 56. Dr. Robert ____; 9th
- SECAF
- 58. A1C John ____; Medal
- of Honor recipient
- 60. Scholar type



61. Cro-Magnon people

62. Amphibian

63. Cubs star Sammy
- Down**

1. Sale item

2. USAF base in Korea

3. No for 25 ACROSS

4. Resting

5. Visage

6. Image

7. Pilaster

8. ____ the season ...

9. Flowering

10. South Pacific atoll

12. Lt. Col. ____ I. Grissom; USAF Mercury astronaut

13. Main dish

14. USAF MAJCOM for training

16. 1974 Nobel Peace Prize winner MacBride

22. Allow

23. Boxing legend

25. Fed. housing org.

26. Mutiny
27. Pseudonym

28. Die-hard

29. Against

31. *Moonstruck* actress

34. Op or surreal

35. Col. Bernard ____; first air commando MoH recipient

36. Old Testament prophet

37. Dem. opponent

39. Shaq's org.

40. Male or female reproductive cell

41. Actress Stone

42. Charts

45. De-ice

49. Dim

50. From scratch

51. Helper, in short

52. Sign of regret

53. Reclaim property from non-paying buyers, informally

54. Day prior to events

57. Week starter, in short

59. USAF reserve category

See answers on page 16

LETTERS

Tillis thanks Holloman

Aug. 11, 2005

I know this is a bit belated, but nonetheless I wanted to thank you from the bottom of my heart for helping make my visit to Holloman so very memorable. I will never forget the wonderful men and women of Holloman.

Thank you and God bless.



Photo by Spc. (Ret.) James Matise

Pam Tillis

BRIEFS

Word Basics

The Discovery Resource Center is conducting a one-hour basic introductory class to Microsoft Word 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., Tuesday at the Family Support Center. Learn how to use Microsoft Word to write letters, resumes, school papers and other documents. For details call the FSC at 572-7754.

Commanders and equipment custodians

There is a new change in the Custodian Authorization/Custody Receipt Listings, effective immediately. This change now requires all commanders/directors to sign the CA/CRLs along with their custodians. Account custodians can request a CA/CRL from the 49th Logistics Readiness Squadron. For more information, contact Nancy Jarka at 572-3940.

Mixed bowling league

The Friday Night Mixed League at Holloman's Desert Lanes Bowling Center begins its fall season this September. Each team consists of two men and two women, three games per night, Handicap League. The bowling center will provide teammates if needed. There will be payouts for all bowlers at the end of the season. The cost is \$9 to \$10 per person, per night. Shoes are \$1.25. The league is open to all active duty, retirees, dependents and U.S. government employees working at Holloman and their spouses. Bowlers must be at least 18 years

of age.

For more information, contact Ms. Kara M. Noya at 572-1916, or sign up at the bowling alley.

Blue to Green program

Airman close to earning an honorable discharge from the Air Force who want to keep their military benefits may qualify for an interservice transfer under the Army's Operation Blue to Green.

The Blue to Green program allows Airmen to apply the military experience they have gained to service in the Army and can become Soldiers in career fields comparable to current Air Force jobs, or retrain in a different Military Occupational Specialty, depending on qualifications and available training. Airmen may qualify for an enlistment bonus if they transfer into a critical Army MOS. For more information, contact Steven Foreman, U.S. Army Blue to Green recruiter, at (206)246-5763 or (206)793-7707, toll-free at (877)248-7364, or via email at steven.foreman@usarec.army.mil.

Oktoberfest

Tickets are now on sale for Oktoberfest, scheduled for 3:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., Sept. 24 at the German maintenance hangar, building 286. Ticket locations are the Officer's and Enlisted clubs, Outdoor Recreation Center, all branches of Otero Federal Credit Union, Alamogordo Chamber of Commerce and the White Sands Mall. For more information, call 572-2612 or 572-6159.

BRIEFS

Environmental assessment

The Final Environmental Assessment for the Improvements and Repair to Forty-Niner Avenue is available for review at the Holloman Public Library. The Environmental Assessment resulted in a Finding of No Significant Impact and a Finding of No Practicable Alternative. All comments should be directed to the Public Affairs Office; 49FW/PA, 490 First St. Suite 2800, Holloman AFB, NM 88330; Phone: 505-572-5406.

Commando reunion

The Air Commando Association/Special Operations Veterans, from WWII to the present, annual reunion will be held Oct. 7-9 at Fort Walton Beach, Fla. For more information call (850)581-0099, fax 850-581-8988, e-mail at *aircommando@aol.com* or web page *www.home.earthlink.net/~aircommando1/*.

Air Force Ball

The Air Force Ball is scheduled to begin 5:30 p.m., Sept. 17 at Hangar 500. The theme is the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II and includes open dining and music performed live by the 62nd Army Band. Tickets cost \$16 for club members and \$18 for non-members. Contact unit first sergeants for tickets.

Remembrance ceremony

The 49th Fighter Wing POW/MIA remembrance ceremony will be held 9 a.m., Sept. 16 in Heritage Park. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Berridge at 572-7359 or Master Sgt. Lewis at 572-5503.

HOSC Thrift Shop

The Holloman Officers' Spouse Club Thrift Shop will reopen for the fall season from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 6. Consignments will not be accepted until Sept. 20. Donations are still accepted over the summer in bins located behind the store.

Airman's Attic

Airman's Attic is currently looking for volunteers. The current hours of operation are Monday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and the first Saturday of every month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, please call 572-2577.

Commander's Access Channel

Holloman Housing Privatization – 10 a.m., 4 p.m., 9 p.m.

Welcome to Holloman – 8 a.m., 2 p.m., 7 p.m.

Announcements are shown during other hours between recordings.

For information about the CAC, call 572-5406.

Town Hall Meeting

The 49th Mission Support Group is hosting a town hall meeting at 6 p.m., Sept. 7 at the community center to address base community concerns. If there are any questions or concerns, contact 1st Lt. Giboney at the 49th MSG, 572-5541.

Independent entrepreneurs

The Holloman Enlisted Spouse's Organization will be hosting a bazaar, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Oct. 29 at the Community Cen-

ter. This event gives base independent entrepreneurs a chance to recruit and sell their products, such as those who sell Mary Kay, Avon, Pampered Chef or other products. Vendor registration is \$25 per table until Oct. 1 and late registration is \$30 per table until Oct. 22. Please call Michelle at 921-0701 or Sue at 479-9959 for table reservations.

Alto artist tour

The Alto Artists Studio Tour is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday in Alto, N.M., 5 miles north of Ruidoso on U.S. 48. During the self-guided tour, the works of 36 artists will be available for viewing and purchasing. Several local lodgings are offering a 10 percent discount for guests who mention the tour. For more information, visit *www.alto-artists.com* or call (505)336-1377.

MOPS meet

Mothers of Preschoolers meets from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., every other Tuesday. The first meeting will be Sept. 6 at the First Assembly Church, 10th Street and Florida Avenue in Alamogordo. Call Paige Bryan, 439-1760 or Lisa Claxton, 434-6790 for more information. Childcare is provided and volunteers are needed – please call Karin Constable at 439-5876 for information on childcare.

NMSU-A business training

A free training course is being offered by the Small Business Development Center at NMSU-A for those interested in starting their own busi-

nesses. The courses will include writing business plans. The course counts for college credit and costs nothing for all active duty individuals, veterans with educational benefits, and most reservists and National Guard troops. The classes are 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday. Those interested can contact the Small Business Development Center, 572-7754.

DUI Update

Days since last DUI	17
DUIs this year	15
This week last year	28

Last six DUIs

• 49 CES	Feb. 22
• GAF	March 7
• 49 CES	April 17
• 49 OSS	May 6
• 49 MMSS	May 27
• 49 AMXS	Aug. 9

572-RIDE works!
Calls made are lives saved

795 Saves this year
18 Saves this week

Chapel Rally Day

Come join in the FUN at Thrasher Park

27 August from 1000-1400

There will be a D.J.

There will also be sign-ups for all kinds of chapel ministries groups and Religious Education

Open to Everyone on Base!

Free Food!

Games!



On the
BIG SCREEN

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (PG)
6 p.m., today

Bad News Bears (PG-13)
6 p.m., Saturday

The Devil’s Reject (R)
6 p.m., Sunday

Chapel
Services

- Weekday Masses – 11:30 a.m., Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.
- Sunday – Catholic Mass, 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.
- Sacrament of Penance, 4 p.m.
 - General Protestant Worship Service, 11 a.m.
 - Protestant Sunday School is 9:30 a.m. and Catholic Religious Education is 10:30 a.m., Sunday at Holloman Intermediate School.

Crossword answers



Answers from page 13



Photo by Airman 1st Class Stephen Collier

Raul Sandavol, Nighthawks rugby team assistant coach, makes a catch during Tuesday’s scrimmage. The team plans to compete in a local Alamogordo league.

Soccer Standings Scoreboard

Team	Won	Lost	Tie	Pct	Streak	PF	PA
49 MMG Soccer	2	0	0	1.000	Won 2	6	3
GAF Tech Soccer	2	0	0	1.000	Won 2	4	2
GAF 2nd MXS 1	1	0	0	1.000	Won 1	10	0
GAF 1st MXS Soccer	1	1	0	.500	Lost 1	5	4
49 OSS Soccer	1	1	0	.500	Lost 1	4	3
49 CS Soccer	0	1	0	.000	Lost 1	2	4
49 CES Soccer	0	2	0	.000	Lost 2	2	6
GAF ELO SQ	0	1	0	.000	Lost 1	1	2
46 TG Soccer	0	0	0	.000	-	0	0
49 MDG Soccer	0	1	0	.000	Lost 1	0	10

